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The only thing that is scarce this season is water.

We will have some politics next year, and don't you forget it.

Atlanta, Georgia, voted last Saturday to re-open her saloons by a majority of 1,000.

The "wettest" spot in the country, just now, is Atlanta, Georgia. Prohibition has been soundly under.

Assistant Postmaster General Knotts says that the Government will establish a system of postal telegraphy within a few years.

There are only about an even dozen candidates for Governor of West Virginia up to date, and two thirds of the counties yet to be heard from.

We haven't heard of anybody who wants to tackle Grover Cleveland in the next democratic convention. What's the use of a convention? It's unanimous.

Possibly Morgantown will follow the example of Clarksville and wait until the heart of the town burns out and then build water works. The cost of the fire in Clarksville last summer would have built water works twice.

Henry Watterson, of the *Courier-Journal*, thinks Author Blaine would willingly sacrifice the benefits he receives from "His Thirty Years in Congress" if he could be permitted to write "Four Years in the White House." No doubt he would; but at present the indications are that he will have to content himself with "Retired Life; or the Remains of His Days in Maine."

If Congressman Wilson wants to ventilate one of the most persistent swindles of the time, let him have a committee of investigation into the expenditure of the last twenty years on the alleged improvement of the Monongahela river. If he does not find that Uncle Sam has been plucked to the tune of at least \$100,000 in that job, we will agree to crawl into our hole and chaw calamus for the next ninety days, and never chirp.

The *Forum* comes to us for December brim full of good reading. The publishers have the happy knack of finding the topics that are freshest and foremost in the minds of the people and then finding representatives or impersonations of those topics who can present them in their fullest and most comprehensive form. No sooner does the public hear the contents of a number of the *Forum* than everybody wants to read it, and a fifth and sixth edition is sometimes made necessary.

The counties East of the mountains seem to be claiming the right to furnish a Governor next year. We had assumed that if there was ever a time when the counties of the Second district of West of the mountains might have an undisputed right to that thing, this is the time. We are generally prepared to hear a claim from the Third district for everything that is out and a claim from the Eastern end of this district for everything that is left. We are very modest, but we may be provoked into being a little noisy once in a while.

One of the most industrious prevaricators we have yet heard of is the young man who telegraphs West Virginia news (?) from Parkersburg to the Pittsburgh papers. This industrious and alert correspondent usually gets his matter from country exchanges, and after keeping items until they are about two weeks old telegraphs them to the city papers as having just occurred. Some of his articles create a great deal of merriment among West Virginia readers of Pittsburgh papers and inspire a great deal of contempt for the alleged writer of them.

The New York *Herald* says: "Well the country has had three years of democratic experience. The sun shines, the seasons change, just the same as ever. Not quite the same though, for we have never been as prosperous or contented as we are to-day. The bloody strife is waned in vain. The three palsies have not taken effect. The South, North and East and West never understood each other so well and never respected each other so much. We have become one people, a united people, a satisfied people who are growing rich. That is enough to say, for it includes law and order, the protection of our homes and honesty in public office. The republicans would like a change. But the people will have no change, and that ends it."

The other day when a reporter called on Herr Most, the anarchist, he found in his room a pile of manuscript relating to "Dynamite and its uses." "The beauties and benefits of Anarchism," "Revolution and evolution," and an exhaustive treatise on "Simplifying the manufacture of bombs. The use of explosives in the Cook county jail, the explosion of a dynamite factory and the finding of bombs on church steps in Springfield, Ill., besides other lessons which we are learning from the reckless use of dynamite, are leading many citizens to consider whether it would not be best for the government to control its manufacture and sale. This question ought to be agitated, and forced upon the attention of Congress for action and legislation, at least in restricting its sale.

## We Hear No Objection.

"What a remarkable season!" is the common exclamation in regard to the current fall.

True, it is remarkable as compared with the ordinary season in this climate. Winter generally robs us of this last of the fall months. Instead of beginning with December, the first winter month, according to the Almanac, it usually begins with November. We are entitled to fall weather in November, even if we don't get it; or otherwise we should have a re-division of the seasons and give to winter what is usually included in the winter weather.

The fact is that our winters generally extend over five months, instead of three. Beginning with November it runs through December, January, February and March. In other words it steals a month of both our fall and spring seasons. He who looks for spring before the first of April will be disappointed; and he who postpones winter until the end of November will generally have a frigid reminder of the folly of counting November among the fall months.

The weather of the past November has been without its spurts of winter, although exceptionally temperate in the main. We refer to it simply to note the exceptions, and not to arouse any expectations of a change of seasons that will give us in the future the traditional three months of fall. We would be glad if there were a reliable indication of that kind, but we don't see it. Next November may be as wintry as January ever was. But we are pleased with an occasional exception to the rule, and will be glad if this spurt of fall weather shall run on to Christmas.

A Fair Question. Our farmers, as well as other classes of our people, are frequently heard to repeat the remark that "we ought to have a county fair." It has been a matter of regret that the old fair was allowed to die out. Like many other good things, it was not fully appreciated till after it was dead.

In an agricultural county like this where the leading interest is so predominant, it is strange that there should not be some demonstration by the dominant class that would make them as conspicuous as they are numerous. It required a great deal of drumming to get the farmers to go into an organization for general purposes. And this is yet the only movement on the part of the farmers that gives them a distinctive class standing before the public. There is no other occasion when they come together as a class. There is no annual exhibition, fair, or other appointment of like character that would indicate that the farmers, or their interests were of great importance to the county. If there is no occasion for an agricultural fair in Monongalia county then there is none in any county of the State. If there is any advantage in an agricultural fair to any county in the State, then there ought to be an advantage to Monongalia county. For there is no other county in the State whose interests are more distinctively agricultural than this.

Now, we do not propose to champion the establishment of an agricultural fair. But we take this occasion to direct the attention of the Farmers' Union to this subject as one more among the many matters which call for their consideration. We think the matter belongs to the Farmers' Union. If a fair is to be established, they ought to establish it. If it is not established, they are the parties concerned—they must be ready to answer the public inquiry, "Why not?" If any advantages are to be derived from a fair, the farmers are the beneficiaries. If no advantages arise, it is not because a fair is not a good thing, but because they have failed to make a good thing of it.

We would like to see the Farmers' Union tackle this matter of a county fair. We believe public sentiment is in favor of it, if put upon a proper basis, and that it will receive general support. A good county fair would work a great improvement in the county.

The people of the Eastern cities are crying out against high prices for coal, which the strike in the coal regions has occasioned. We have a large supply of the article scattered around through our hills which they get hard up.

The fight in West Virginia, next year, will be for the Legislature rather than the State ticket. The Republicans would rather have a U. S. Senator than a Governor, and a Legislature, which really controls the treasury, than the Treasurer himself. The Republicans are not to be blamed for knowing a good thing when they see it; but the Democrats will be very greatly to blame if they overlook and do not head them off in a scuffle for the biggest plum in the pudding.

What does President Cleveland know about the tariff question, that he should be looked to for a tariff policy for the country? Mr. Cleveland took up the subject late in life.

President Cleveland knows whole volumes about it, no doubt; but the main reason why he is looked to for a policy for the country is because he is an honest man. And it is known that on this subject as on all others his policy would be check full of honesty and common sense and these are subjects that Grover took up early in life and has mastered them thoroughly. There are many persons in this country who know enough to originate a tariff policy who have not got Grover's concomitants and consequently the people are not looking to them. These are Democratic times, and honest Grover is the man of the times.

## JUSTICE

### HOT ON THE TRAIL

Of the Roane and Jackson County Outlaws.

An Organized Band of Conspirators Found.

Who Have Perpetrated All Sorts Of Crimes.

NOT STOPPING AT MURDER

Bound Together by an Oath to Kill and Plunder.

A Story That Puts West Virginia to Shame.

Wheeling Intelligence.

Capt. Al Burnett, the head of the famous Eureka detective agency, at Charleston, is in the city fresh from the sections of Roane and Jackson counties in which was recently enacted the series of bloody tragedies which resulted in the death of four men, and which not only stained the soil of West Virginia with the blood of innocent men shed by their fellow men, but stained more deeply the fair fame of the State among the confederates of the country, at each to her stigma, the like of which has been a standing reproach to Texas and Kentucky in the past. Captain Burnett was in that country seeking clues which will lead to the punishment of the real murderers of Rev. Mr. Ryan, the father of the three men unjustly, it is now conceded, hanged by a lawless mob for their crime.

An Intelligence reporter met Capt. Burnett last night, and while there has been much printed about the Roane county murders, the published accounts have been so inadequate that the detective was asked for a connected story of the events.

THE MURDER OF MR. RYAN.

On the night of Thursday, October 13, Rev. Thomas P. Ryan was shot and fatally wounded at his home in Roane county. Mr. Ryan was a brother of Rev. E. W. Ryan, formerly a prominent minister of this city. He was a well to do man, having the reputation of keeping ready money in his house. It was reported that he had a large sum of money in his house at the time of the last session of Conference at Parkersburg he drew \$600 out of a bank there and had it in his house. It is believed that the object of the robbery was to get the money and then to be hanged by a lawless mob for their crime.

Thursday night, October 13, five or more men knocked at the door of Rev. Mr. Ryan, on the Flat Fork of Roane county. This was about 11 o'clock, and the men roughly demanded admittance. Mr. Ryan, though nearly sixty years of age, was a pretty gritty man, and arming himself with his shot gun he ordered them to keep off on pain of being shot. The men then roughly demanded admittance. Mr. Ryan, though nearly sixty years of age, was a pretty gritty man, and arming himself with his shot gun he ordered them to keep off on pain of being shot. The men then roughly demanded admittance. Mr. Ryan, though nearly sixty years of age, was a pretty gritty man, and arming himself with his shot gun he ordered them to keep off on pain of being shot.

THE FATAL SHOT.

A moment later the shot was fired into the side of the house. It is possible that this shot was fired merely to frighten Mr. Ryan. Instead of this, however, it pierced the heavy door, and the men rushed in and plastered, went clear through the body of Mr. Ryan, and afterward through the thick head-board of a bed beside which he stood, and was then deflected and entered the wall of the room at an angle from and some distance above its original range.

Mr. Ryan's shot gun, as he fell, was discharged, one barrel of it, the charge lodging in the wall. The hammer of the other barrel remained cocked. The noise aroused the family, and they removed Mr. Ryan upstairs, where he lingered till morning, dying about sunrise, expressing forgiveness for his enemies and praying for them.

WE CAPTURE.

Warrants were sworn out by Thos. Ryan, Jr., the murdered man's son, for Perry Drake, whom the old man thought he recognized among the murderers, George Duff and Winchester Coon. In pencil the name of Robert M. Ryan was added to the warrants. Constable Gibson with posse of five started to make the arrests. Drake was, however, arrested before the warrant was issued and went along without objection. Coon and George Duff were next arrested, a large and excited crowd following the constable. The two men were alarmed and Coon asked what was wanted. The only response was a shot from the crowd and immediately the firing became general. Three shots were fired, and one of them, but no one fatally, George Duff was fatally shot in the abdomen.

Coon surrendered when told by a friend that he was wanted for the murder of Mr. Ryan, saying he was ready to go. He had supposed the attack was by personal enemies. The crowd then proceeded to arrest Robert M. Duff, which was done without trouble. The three were taken to the scene of the murder, and near there left under guard to await an examination on Monday.

Saturday night the members of the "Consolidated Band," as the lynch mob called themselves, notified Coon that they intended to hang him.

A FAREWELL LETTER.

He asked for paper and wrote a letter to his mother, Mrs. Eliza E. Ryan, Huntington, in which he addressed her as Darling Mother and told her of the situation and the charge, and adding, "This is the last time you will ever hear from me, for I am going to be hung. Give my regards to your brothers and brothers-in-law. This is all I can say. It is my dying truth. I am not guilty. God bless you, my darling Mother. Your loving son, W. C. Coon."

It was only a few moments later until the threat was carried out. Coon was taken by a few of the mob without resistance by his guards. Two of the guards belonged to the "band." He was led a short distance to the banks of the creek, was asked to confess and refused, and he was hung.

COLD BLOODED MURDER.

There were about seventy persons present, partly innocent spectators attracted by curiosity. The mob then returned for Robert Duff, claiming that Coon had made a confession implicating Dan Cunningham as a leader in all the numerous robberies and the Ryan murder. This confession, it was alleged, declared "Doc" Jones and Dick Shambilla innocent of connection with the robbery of Jacob Keyser. This order, it is reported, these two men had been

## ALL THE NEWS

### OF WEST VIRGINIA RECORDED IN BRIEF SPACE.

#### Incidents and Accidents and Matters Miscellaneous.

##### Aut Scissors Aut Nihil.

There is a family near Point Pleasant consisting of three children, two boys and a girl, whose names are Liberty Union, Pontius Pilate and Star of Bethlehem.

The clerk of Clay county recently issued marriage license to two men to marry the same girl, and since issuing the license he has ascertained the first applicant was already a married man.

A company of gentlemen of Parkersburg have formed a stock company for the manufacture of artificial ice. The necessary building will be erected at once and the factory put to work in the spring.

Mrs. Jennie McClurkin, State Organizer for the W. C. T. U., will spend the month of December in the Second district organizing Unions and clubs. She is both an earnest and a capable worker, as her former trip through the Kanawha Valley has proven.

The Parkersburg *Sentinel* notes that Adolph Fischer, one of the hanged Anarchists, was a printer, and while on a tramp a few years ago was in that city and worked for a short time in the *Standard* office. He appeared then to be a mild mannered, well behaved citizen.

Governor Wilson has offered for the State a reward of \$100 for the apprehension and delivery of William F. Martin, of Raleigh county, who is charged with the murder of his wife. The Raleigh county court supplements the offer with \$100 reward on behalf of the county.

That old red-eyed Albino sinner, Rev. W. S. Keyser, of Jackson county, who has on one or two occasions been before the U. S. Court, was sentenced at Charleston, a few days ago, to serve fifteen months in jail and pay a fine of \$100, for some of his violations of the internal revenue laws.

The miners employed in Davis Branch mine at Thomas, W. Va., are out on a strike because of their number were discharged for refusing to move from one mine to work in another, when requested to do so. The strike does not effect the coal output from the West Virginia coal road.

A three-year-old son of George Skinner, four miles above Weston, was playing near a fire where they were engaged in butchering hogs last Friday and his clothing caught the flame. The little fellow ran to the back door and called for his mother, but she did not hear him. When she opened the door and found what was the matter she called for her husband who tore all the child's clothes off as speedily as possible, but not until he was fatally burned. He went into convulsions Sunday morning and died that evening at 7 o'clock.

##### POSTOFFICES AND PENSIONERS GRANTED TO THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN STATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 25.—The post-offices at Abert, Preston county, and at Monitor, Monroe county, West Virginia, have been abolished. Mail for Abert will be sent to Hazelton and that for Monitor to Pickaway.

Wm. C. McConaughy has been commissioned postmaster at Burning Springs, W. Va.

A pension has been granted to Martin L. Dorn, of Martinsburg, W. Va., on account of service in the Mexican war.

Pensioners have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows: David Dickey, of Cameron county; James M. Robinson, of Shepherdstown; Phoebe C. widow of Elias Kidd, of Buckhannon.

John W. Browning, of Buckhannon; Benjamin F. Matthews, of Martinsburg; Jacob Grandstaff, of Moundsville; James L. Barnhart, of Sherman; James McKinley, of Sherman.

The pensions of West Virginia veterans have been increased as follows: John R. Haynes, of Young's Mills; Lafayette Arthur, of Henderson; Geo. W. Rogers, of Sandy; Guy Pack, of Round Bottom; Geo. W. Morton, of Sandy; W. F. Murphy, of Oak Hill; George Roberts, of Wheeling; John A. Foster, of Wheeling; Wm. S. Stevens, of Grantsville.

The pension of Chas B. Clinton, of Red House Shoals, has been restored and increased.

##### HEAVY ASSIGNMENTS.

Prominent Hardy County Farmers Fall—Losses on Cattle Case.

KEYSER, W. VA., November 25.—Reliable information has been received here that Hon. Joseph Vanmeter and John T. Vanmeter, of Old Fields, Hardy county, and Edward Williams, of Grantsville, have within the last few days made assignments for the benefit of their creditors. The liabilities are said to be very heavy, and it is feared will not pay the indebtedness. The failures following closely upon those of Hon. John T. Price and William Vanmeter, have created a very uneasy feeling throughout the South Branch Valley. They are attributed to heavy losses on cattle within the past few years.

##### What Am I to Do?

The symptoms of Biliousness are unpleasantly too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A Bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, also, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and Diarrhea or Constipation may be a symptom or the two may alternate. There are often Hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the pit of the stomach. To correct all this if not effect a cure try *Green's August Flower*, it costs but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

##### WANTED.

1,000 bushels of first class wheat, to be delivered at once at the Victor Mills, at 75 cents per bushel cash.

—FAST & STURGIS.

Do not think with any faint heartedness, if you have a Cough or Cold, or the children are afflicted with Whooping Cough, use *Acker's English Remedy* and you will be cured. It is a positive cure, and we guarantee it. Price 10c and 50c.

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## REPORTERS' GALLERY.

### And What Our Correspondents See From There.

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## The Death Rill.

KIRKE—Mrs. Tillie Kiger, wife of Rawley Kiger, of near Ulfington, died on Monday, November 28th, of consumption, aged 27 years. Deceased was an excellent lady and leaves a large circle of friends besides her husband and three little children to mourn her untimely death.

Wise—Died very suddenly of apoplexy Nov. 20, 1887, near her home near Cassville. Margaret Wise aged 71 years 10 months and 25 days. She went on a visit Sunday morning to her son, Lewis, a short distance from her home and started to return in the evening when she dropped dead without any warning. Her remains were interred in the family graveyard on Monday evening—Cassville Correspondent.

#### The New Fruit Tree Man.

Mr. G. W. Sutherland and his men arrived here yesterday and will canvass the town and country in the interest of the very best and most selected fruit trees who usually sell here, they are our neighbors and have their nursery in Harrison county. Mr. Sutherland is known personally to many residents of our county and is a square business man. He and his men will offer nothing that is not produced in their own nursery and everything will be guaranteed just as represented. In other parts of the State many agents who sell for other nurseries represent themselves as his agents, and are thereby enabled to swindle the people. Besides Mr. Sutherland and his son his agents are George Seese and Newton Blake. Keep clear of all others and give your orders to these gentlemen.

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